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The SPECTATOR.

Quis novus hic nostris succeſſit ſedibus Hoſpes?
Quem ſeſe Ore ferens! quam forti Pectore & Armis! Virg.

Monday, March 31. 1712.

I Take it to be the higheſt Inſtance of a noble Mind, to bear great Qualities without diſcovering in a Man's Behaviour any Conſciouſneſs that he is ſuperiour to the reſt of the World: Or, to ſay it otherwiſe, it is the Duty of a great Perſon ſo to demean himſelf, as that whatever Endowments he may have, he may appear to value himſelf upon no Qualities but ſuch as any Man may arrive at: He ought to think no Man valuable but for his publick Spirit, Juſtice, and Integrity; and all other Endowments to be eſteemed only as they contribute to the exerting thoſe Virtues. Such a Man, if he is wiſe or valiant, knows it is of no Conſideration to other Men that he is ſo, but as he employs thoſe high Talents for their Uſe and Service. He who affects the Applauſes and Addreſſes of a Multitude, or aſſumes to himſelf a Pre-eminence upon any other Conſideration, muſt ſoon turn Admiration into Contempt. It is certain that there can be no Merit in any Man who is not conſcious of it; but the Senſe that it is valuable only according to the Application of it, makes that Superiority amiable which would otherwiſe be invidious. In this Light it is conſidered as a thing in which every Man bears a Share: It annexes the Ideas of Dignity, Power, and Fame in an agreeable and familiar Manner to him who is Poſſeſſor of it; and all Men who were Strangers to him are naturally incited to indulge a Curioſity in beholding the Perſon, Behaviour, Feature and Shape, of him in whoſe Character, perhaps, each Man had formed ſomething in common with himſelf. Whether ſuch, or any other, are the Cauſes, all Men have an unreaſoning Curioſity to behold a Man of heroick Worth; and I have very many Letters from all Parts of this Kingdom, that requeſt I would give them an exact Account of the Stature, the Mein, the Aſpect, of the Prince who lately viſited *England*, and has done ſuch Wonders for the Liberty of *Europe*. It would puzzle the moſt Curious to form to himſelf the Sort of Man my ſeveral Correſpondents expect to hear of; by the Action mentioned, when they deſire a Deſcription of him: There is always ſomething that concerns themſelves, and growing out of their own Circumſtances, in all their Enquiries. A Friend of mine in *Wales* beſeeches me to be very exact in my Account of that wonderful Man who had marched an Army and all its Baggage over the *Alps*; and, if poſſible, to learn whether the Peaſant who ſhewed him the Way, and is drawn in the Map, be yet living. A Gentleman from the Univerſity, who is deeply intent on the Study of Humanity, deſires me to be as particular, if I had Opportunity, in obſerving the whole Interview between his Highneſs and our late General. Thus do Mens Fancies work according to their ſeveral Educations and Circumſtances; but all pay a Reſpect, mixed with Admiration, to this illuſtrious Character. I have waited for his Arrival in *Holland*, before I would let my Correſpondents know, that I have not been ſo uncurious a Spectator, as not to have ſeen Prince *Eugene*. It would be very difficult, as I ſaid juſt now, to anſwer every Expectation of thoſe who have writ to me on that Head; nor is it poſſible for me to find Words to let one know, what an artful Glance there is in his Countenance who ſurprized *Cremona*; how daring he appears who forced the Trenches of *Turin*: But in general can ſay, that he who beholds him will eaſily expect from him any thing that is to be imagined or executed by the Wit or Force of Man. The Prince is of that Stature which makes a Man moſt eaſily become all Parts of Exerciſe; has Height to be graceful on Occaſions of State and Ceremony, and no leſs adapted for Agility and Diſpatch: His Aſpect is erect and compos'd; his Eye lively and thoughtful, yet rather vigilant than ſparkling: His Action and Addreſs the moſt eaſy imaginable, and his Behaviour in an Aſſembly peculiarly graceful in a certain Art of mixing inſenſibly with the reſt, and becoming one of the Company, inſtead of receiving the Courtſhip of it. The Shape of his Perſon, and Compoſure of his Limbs, are remarkably exact and beautiful. There is in his Look ſomething ſublime, which does not ſeem to ariſe from his Quality or Character, but the innate Diſpoſition of his Mind. It is apparent that he ſuffers the Preſence of much Company, inſtead of taking

t king Delight in it; and he appeared in Publick while with us, rather to return Good-will, or ſatisfy a Curioſity, more than to gratify any Taſte he himſelf had of being popular. As his Thoughts are never tumultuous in Danger, they are as little diſcompoſed on Occaſions of Pomp and Magnificence: A great Soul is affected in either Caſe, no further than in conſidering the propereſt Methods to extricate it ſelf from them. If this Heroe has the ſtrong Incentives to uncommon Enterprizes that were remarkable in *Alexander*, he proſecutes and enjoys the Fame of them with the Juſtneſs, Propriety, and good Senſe of *Cæſar*. It is eaſy to obſerve in him a Mind as capable of being entertained with Contemplation as Enterprize; a Mind ready for great Exploits, but not impatient for Occaſions to exert it ſelf. The Prince has Wiſdom and Valour in as high Perfection as Man can enjoy it; which noble Faculties in conjunction, baniſh all Vain-Glory, Oſtentation, Ambition, and all other Vices which might intrude upon his Mind to make it unequal. Theſe Habits and Qualities of Soul and Body render this Perſonage ſo extraordinary, that he appears to have nothing in him but what every Man ſhould have in him, The Exertion of his very ſelf, abſtracted from the Circumſtances in which Fortune has placed him. Thus were you to ſee Prince *Eugene*, and were told he was a private Gentleman, you would ſay he is a Man of Modeſty and Merit: Should you be told that was Prince *Eugene*, he would be diminiſhed no otherwiſe, than that Part of your diſtant Admiration would turn into familiar Good-will. This I thought fit to entertain my Reader with, concerning an Heroe who never was equalled but by one Man; over whom alſo he has this Advantage, that he has had an Opportunity to manifeſt an Eſteem for him in his Adverſity.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

On Wedneſday *the 3d of* April, *at* Stationer's-Hall, *Mr.* Daniel Purcell, *Brother of the memorable Mr.* Henry Purcell, *will exhibit an Entertainment of Vocal and Inſtrumental Muſick, entirely new, and all Parts to be performed with the greateſt Exactneſs.*

There being a ſmall Number left of the LUCUBRATIONS *of* ISAAC BICKERSTAFF, *Eſq; printed upon Royal and Medium Paper, in 4 Vol.* 8vo. *they are now to be ſold by* J. Tonſon, W. Taylor, J. Round, R. Knaplock, N. Cliff, Ra. Smith, G. Strahan, R. Parker, D. Midwinter, B. Tooke, J. Wyat, D. Browne, E. Sanger, H. Clements, O. Lloyd, C. Lillie, *and* J. Morphew.

N. B. Thoſe who have the Firſt and Second Volumes, may be furniſhed with the Third and Fourth to compleat their Set, by the Perſons above.

For the Benefit of Mr. MILLS.

At the Deſire of ſeveral Ladies of Quality. By Her Majeſty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this preſent Monday, being the 31ſt Day of March, will be preſented, a Play, call'd Philaſter: Or, Love lies a Bleeding. Written by Beaumont and Fletcher. By her Majeſty's Command, no Perſons are to be admitted behind the Scenes.

A Collection of extraordinary original Pictures by Nicolas Pouſſin, Gaſpar Pouſſin, Salvator Roſa, F. Lauro, Carlo Marat, Vandyck, and ſeveral other excellent Maſters; will be ſold by Auction at Mr. Gonge's Dwelling-houſe, at the Golden Head in the Little Piazza in Covent Garden, on Wedneſday next, being the 2d Day of April; where Catalogues may be had, and the Pictures view'd on Monday and Tueſday next.

At Eaſt-Acton in Middleſex, is to be Lett, a good Houſe, 4 Rooms on a Floor, with Coach houſe, Stables, Orchard and Garden, all in very good Repair. Inquire at Mr. Lamb's at Acton, or at his Houſe in Lombard-ſtreet.

To Morrow will be publiſh'd,

The Judgment of the Church of England in the Caſe of Lay Baptiſm and of Diſſenters Baptiſm. Sold by A. Baldwin near the Oxford-Arms in Warwick-Lane. Price 6d.

From the Office againſt the Sieve Ale-houſe in the Little-Minories, where Propoſals at large may be had gratis: This is to give Notice, that at the Requeſt of ſeveral Subſcribers will be opened on Thurſday the 3d of April a new 20 s. Book at 100 per Cent for the firſt 500 that enters, to receive in 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 or 8 Weeks at the fartheſt, and no Perſon to pay more than 5 Weeks. The Books that were opened the 3d of March laſt at the Office aforeſaid, having met with ſuch great Incouragement that they are now ſhut up, and will ſo continue to the 7th of April; at which time and Place freſh Subſcriptions will be taken in on the former Books.

Mr. Van Noſt's Collection of Plaiſter Figures and Models, of Flemingo, Algard, John de Bellone, the old and young Quellin; Abundance of Models of Monuments and Figures of Mr. Van Noſt, and other eminent Maſters (it being a large and moſt extraordinary Collection) will be ſold by Auction at his late Dwelling houſe in Hide-Park-Road near the Queen's Mead-houſe; where the Collection may be ſeen every Day this Week, and ſold on Monday the 8th of April following. The Sale will begin exactly at 4 in the Afternoon, and continue daily till all are ſold, deſigning to ſell 100 Lots every Evening. After this Sale, the fine Marble Figures and Buſto's, curious inlaid Marble Tables, Braſs and Leaden Figures, and very rich Vauſes. N. B. For this Part of the Collection there will be Catalogues printed, and a low Price ſet to every thing, that the Widow may not run too great a Riſque in things of this Conſequence. The Pictures, Drawings, and Prints will alſo be ſold.

At the Crown in Wine-Office-Court the 2d Door on the Left-hand from Fleet-ſtreet, on Saturday the 9th of February laſt were opened 3 Books for the SALE of NUMBERS, which have met with very good Succeſs and Encouragement, propoſing Cent per Cent. Advantage in a Return of no longer Time than 4 Weeks for the firſt hundred Numbers, and none will ſtay longer than 6 Weeks from the Time of their Entrance before they receive the propoſed Advantage. Attendance is given daily from 9 to 12, and from 2 till 6.

At Mr. Joſhua Sylveſter's at the Unicorn in Newgate-ſtreet, there remains near 50 Gallons of the late Mrs. Hunt's Stock of rich Cordials, Waters, Spirits, and Perfumes, conſiſting of Palſey Drops, Spirit of Lavender, Viper Water, Citron Water, Spirit of Oranges, Spirit of Clary, Spirit of Mint, Spirit of Balm, Ratifia, Hungary Water, near a Pint of prepared Amber-greece, four Ounces of Oil of Lavender: All (as aforeſaid) made by the ſaid Mrs. Hunt and no one elſe; and are to be ſold by Order of the Adminiſtrator of Mr. Thomas Hunt, deceaſed, by Mrs. Suſanna Jackſon. Alſo a Gallon of Brandy and ſeveral Quarts of pickled Broom buds in 10 odes.

For Sale by Retale.

To Morrow, being the 1ſt of April, at one of the Vaults under the Tennis-Court in James-ſtreet, and next to the Blue Poſt in the Hay-Market, will be ſold by Retale new natural Port and Viana Wines of the laſt Vintage, lately landed, the new natural Oporto Wine at 6 s. a Gallon, or 18 d. a Quart, and the new Viana at 5 s. 6 d. a Gallon, or 18 d. a Quart, Dry Mountain Malaga, and white Lisbon Wine at 7 s. a Gallon, or 2 s. a Quart, Bourdeaux Brandy 12 s. a Gallon, and Portugal Brandy at 10 s. a Gallon, and very good new French Claret Wine of the laſt Vintage, ſold very cheap.

This is to give Notice to all Gentlemen, Ladies, and others, That the remaining Part of the Glaſſes that were left unſold at the Auction at the Black Bull and Looking-Glaſs in Cornhill, conſiſting of ſeveral very fine and large Glaſſes in carved and gilt Frames and Glaſs Frames, and all ſorts of arched Hanging-Glaſſes, Pier and Chimney Glaſſes, and Dreſſing Glaſſes: With the loweſt Price marked upon each Glaſs.

Mr. Paul Girard, at the 3 Flower-de-luces at Charing Croſs near Northumberland-Houſe, hath lately received from a Friend of his in Italy a ſmall Quantity of very rich diſtilled Waters, made by Troſeme Riboqui, Diſtiller to his Royal Highneſs the Duke of Savoy: Every Cheſt containing 24 Bottles (3 of which is a full Quart) and conſiſts only of the 4 moſt ſelect Sorts, i. e. Millefleur, Orangiat, Burgamot, and Perſicot; and are all of a double Spirit, and drawn off in the ſame Manner as the Citron-Waters of Barbadoes, which they excell in very Quality: And may be ſeen every Day at the Houſe of the ſaid Mr. Paul Girard; and are ſold by him, in order for a quick Sale, only at 3 Guineas per Cheſt. N. B. There hath been none of this in England, except in Preſents, theſe 5 Years paſt.

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